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In re the Application of: Steven Verhaverbeke et al.

(inventor(s))

Application No.: 09/892,130

Filed: June 25, 2001

For: ASSISTED RINSING IN A SINGLE WAFER CLEANING PROCESS

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- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- No additional fee is required.

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X42	\$
+140	\$
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 Applicant(s) hereby Petition(s) for an Extension of Time of THREE month(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

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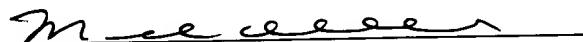
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 19, 2003. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

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